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JR6-2-104 Independent Legislative Ethics Commission -- Meetings -- Staff.

- (1) The Independent Legislative Ethics Commission shall meet for the purpose of reviewing an ethics complaint when:
 - (a) except otherwise expressly provided in this title, called to meet at the discretion of the chair;
or
 - (b) called to meet by a majority vote of the commission.
- (2) A majority of the commission is a quorum.
- (3)
 - (a) The commission shall prepare, on an annual basis, a summary data report that contains:
 - (i) a general description of the activities of the commission during the past year;
 - (ii) the number of ethics complaints filed with the commission;
 - (iii) the number of ethics complaints reviewed by the commission;
 - (iv) the number of complaints filed against a member of the House of Representatives;
 - (v) the number of complaints filed against a member of the Senate;
 - (vi) a summary description of any ethics complaints that were recommended by the commission for review by a Legislative ethics committee; and
 - (vii) an accounting of the commission's budget and expenditures.
 - (b) The summary data report shall be submitted to an appropriate committee of the Legislature on an annual basis.
 - (c) The summary data report shall be a public record.
- (4) The Senate and the House of Representatives shall employ staff for the commission at a level that is reasonable to assist the commission in performing its duties as established in this chapter.
- (5)
 - (a) The Legislative Management Committee shall:
 - (i) authorize each staff position for the commission; and
 - (ii) approve the employment of each staff member for the commission.
 - (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (5)(a), the commission may hire an individual without authorization from the Legislative Management Committee if:
 - (i) the individual is hired by a majority vote of the commission, which authorization, in order to preserve the confidentiality of the complaint, shall be discussed and voted upon in a closed meeting of the commission;
 - (ii) the individual is hired for the purpose of assisting the commission with organizing, reviewing, and marshaling facts and evidence raised in connection with a complaint filed with the commission;
 - (iii) the individual is hired on a temporary, contractual basis; and
 - (iv) the total amount payable under the contract for services does not exceed \$5,000.
 - (c) A contract issued under Subsection (5)(b) is a private record as provided in Utah Code Section 63G-2-302.
- (6) Staff for the commission shall work only for the commission and may not perform services for the Senate, House of Representatives, or other legislative offices.